MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE OF N. J. BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS 800 BROAD STREET, MAY 7TH, 1917.

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Memberships	$197.00
Donations	162.10
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EXPENDITURES.

General Fund (Stamps, stationery, carfare, traveling expenses to Trenton for delegates to see the Governor, rent of typewriter, social entertainment, etc.)	$49.72
Relief - (aid to special families)	34.71 $86.43
B a l a n c e (in bank, Federal Trust Co.)	$314.17

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Typewriter	$55.00
Dr. Credit	6.30
Music	3.00
Telephone (2 mos)	8.53
Printing	7.50
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Miss Pendleton, the Exec. Sec'y. stated that her report was that the office of the League, 249 Mulberry Street is open all day. A telephone has been installed and the work in adjusting difficulties among colored people who have recently come to Newark is progressing. She asked Miss Virginia Robinson the assistant secretary of the League, who has been very closely in touch with the visiting work from the office, to add to the report, which Miss Robinson did as follows:

We now have 39 regular friendly visitors, who average two families each, making a total of 78 families visited each week. Aside from that they make many Hospital visits each week. Among the friendly visitors, a sewing committee has been formed. This committee has done splendid work for many old garments have been made into useful garments. Over 200 families have been reached through the office and material aid has been given to between 70 and 80 families either in garments, food, visiting nurses, doctors, dispensary, or hospital care.

The first Monday in April the first monthly party for the Strangers was given by the friendly visitors in the lecture room of Rev. Stubblebine's Church. An enjoyable evening was spent, with 75 or 100 persons. The Second monthly party is planned for next Monday evening. Refreshments are furnished by the Friendly Visitors.

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Mr. Stubblebine gave instances of several cases which had been brought to his attention and in which good work had been done.

The Rev. O. M. Bonfield brought before the Board of Managers a complaint that he had been unsuccessful so far in inducing the Executive Committee to authorize the payment for a gas stove which he had installed at 144 Livingston St. in the expectation that the Social Settlement work he was endeavoring to start there, would be paid for by the League. He further stated that he had not been allowed to get money for this purpose and referred to the fact corroborated by Mr. W. F. Burrell of Orange, that on the 22nd of January at the close of the meeting, when he made an appeal to take up a collection the Executive Secretary had prevented this collection being taken up by stating that bills of the League could be paid from its funds. After some discussion it was moved, seconded and duly carried, that this matter should be left with the Executive Committee with power to act.

The next business was the election of new members. The Secretary read out a list of names of persons who had paid their dues. It was moved, seconded and carried that these should be elected members of the League.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee proposed the names of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vanderveall to fill vacancies in the Executive Committee, which motion was duly seconded and approved by the Board.

The following resolutions were brought forward by the Secretary and duly approved and carried.

RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to open a bank account in behalf of the NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE with the Federal Trust Company of Newark, New Jersey.

Further RESOLVED that until otherwise ordered said Bank be, and hereby is authorized to make pay-

ments from the funds of this League or deposit with it, upon and according to the check of this League signed by the Treasurer.

Mr. Beemer of the Tenement House Department congratulated the League upon its progress and offered the warm co-operation of the department.

Mr. W. Falconer of the Children's Aid Society spoke of the importance of the League standing back of the movement to put the good Sanitarian Orphanage for Colored Children on an efficient basis.

Rev. C. A. Welcher who was present was asked to make a statement concerning the Orphanage. He said that Directors intended to make the Institution all that it should be. Dr. W. G. Alexander of Orange expressed his warm sympathy with the work, and said that he hoped to be present and help in the future.

The following resolution was also brought forward by the Secretary, duly approved and carried.

A change should be made in the By-Laws of the Negro Welfare League as follows:

The present By-Law is that the quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers should be the fourth Monday of the month, beginning with the month of January.

This decision is rather difficult to abide by, as excellent reasons may make it impossible for the meeting to be held exactly on that day, therefore the following change is suggested.

The quarterly meetings of the Board of Managers, shall be on the fourth Monday of the month beginning with the month of January, <u>(or as near that date as possible.</u>

A letter of regret at not being present on account of sickness was read from C. Morton Brown, by the President who stated that he felt that those present sympathized with Mr. Brown in his illness.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

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